

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S539–S614*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 574–619, and S. Res. 86–90. **Pages S567–69**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs during the 117th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 118–1)

S. 79, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents.

S. 113, to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 142, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and to prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 148, to enable to Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 150, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit product hopping. **Page S567**

#### Measures Passed:

***Texas Rangers Bicentennial:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 86, commemorating the bicentennial of the Texas Ranger Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the oldest State law enforcement agency in North America, and honoring the men and women, past and present, of the Texas Rangers. **Page S545**

***Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights:*** By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 35), Senate passed H.J. Res. 30, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights”. **Pages S550–56**

***COVID–19 Origin Act:*** Senate passed S. 619, to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID–19. **Page S612**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe’s democratic processes or institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–2) **Pages S566–67**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–3) **Page S567**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM—4)

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**Lawless Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Colleen R. Lawless, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. Pages S546–50

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 33), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S546

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 2, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Gordon P. Gallagher, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Gordon P. Gallagher, all post-cloture time be considered expired and that the confirmation votes on the nominations of James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Gordon P. Gallagher be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader; and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Jonathan James Canada Grey, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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**Grey Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jonathan James Canada Grey, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Page S550

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 34), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S550

**Simmons, Jr. Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 36), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S556

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 49 yeas 48 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 32), Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. Pages S539–46

**Messages from the House:** Page S567

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** Pages S570–74

**Additional Statements:** Pages S565–66

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Page S574

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—36) Pages S545–46, S550, S556

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S612.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### 2023 FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2023 Farm Bill, focusing on conservation and forestry programs, after receiving testimony from Terry J. Cosby, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Angela Coleman, Associate Chief, Forest Service, all of the Department of Agriculture.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

### CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change and the economic risks to coastal communities, after receiving testimony from Sean Beckett, Elliott Bay Analytics, Alexandria, Virginia; Matthew Eby, First Street Foundation, New York, New York; Kate Michaud, Town of Warren, Rhode Island; Jessica Weinkle, University of North Carolina, Wilmington; and Marlo